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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

As a retiree on Social Security, it appears to me that each time we get something affordable that will benefit us someone (usually government) tries to find a way to take it from us or profit from it. Give us a break! We are not as fortunate as those in political offices who have the option of voting themselves enormous raises in pay. We must rely on the meager amounts to sustain us that we have worked for our entire lives. I'm sure that \$12.00 per year is a trifling amount to you, but not to people on fixed limited incomes.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members